Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 12, 15, 17 and 18. The currently pending claims after amendment are listed below.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing a project requiring a plurality of tasks performed on at least one computer system by a plurality of users, said at least one computer system containing a process interface supporting a pre-defined set of task actions performed by said at least one computer system with respect to data objects stored on said at least one computer system, the method comprising the steps of:

interactively defining a plurality of groups of users associated with the project;

interactively ~~defining~~ generating, for each of said plurality of groups of users, a respective project tracking interface definition, each project tracking interface definition ~~having~~ being a data object defining a respective set of task selections, each task selection of a set of task selections corresponding to a respective task action of said pre-defined set of task actions performed by said at least one computer system with respect to a respective one or more said data objects stored on said at least one computer system, wherein a first set of task selections of a first project tracking interface for a first group of users is different from a second set of task selections of a second project tracking interface for a second group of users;

associating a first user with said first group of users;

presenting said first project tracking interface having said first set of task selections to said first user;

performing task actions corresponding to task selections of said first set of task selections responsive to said first user interactively selecting the corresponding task selections of said first set of task selections;

associating a second user with said second group of users;

presenting said second project tracking interface having said second set of task selections to said second user; and

performing task actions corresponding to task selections of said second set of task selections responsive to said second user interactively selecting the corresponding task selections of said second set of task selections.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said step of interactively defining, for each of said plurality of groups of users, a respective~~ each said project tracking interface definition [,] comprises ~~interactively defining, for each task selection,~~ a respective task description, whereby a task selection for a first project tracking interface may have a first task description, and the same task selection for a second project tracking interface may have a second task description different from said first task description.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each task selection displayed in a project tracking interface includes a task status indicator.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said task status indicator is assumes one of a plurality of colors, each color corresponding to a respective status.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said step of interactively defining, for each of said plurality of groups of users, a respective~~ each said project tracking interface definition ~~, comprises generating, for each of said plurality of groups of users, a respective~~ is an interface definition file ~~, said interface definition files~~ containing entries corresponding to tasks, wherein a first interface definition file for defining said first project tracking interface contains a respective entry for each task selection in said first set of task selections, and a second interface definition file for defining said second project tracking interface contains a respective entry for each task selection in said second set of task selections.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein each said entry in an interface definition file includes a respective task description field, whereby a task selection for said first project tracking interface may have a first task description, and the same task selection for said second project tracking interface may have a second task description different from said first task description.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein each said entry in an interface definition file includes a respective scope field specifying the scope of the task selection, whereby a task selection for said first project tracking interface may have a first scope, and the same task selection for said second project tracking interface may have a second scope different from said first scope.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for managing a project requiring a plurality of tasks performed on at least one computer system by a plurality of users, said at least one computer system containing a process interface supporting a pre-defined set of task actions performed by said at least one computer system with respect to data objects stored on said at least one computer system, said computer program product comprising:

a plurality of processor executable instructions recorded on signal-bearing media, wherein said instructions, when executed by at least one processor, cause at least one computer to perform the steps of:

receiving interactive input defining a plurality of groups of users associated with the project;

receiving interactive input ~~defining~~ generating, for each of said plurality of groups of users, a respective project tracking interface definition, each project tracking interface definition ~~having~~ being a data object defining a respective set of task selections, each task selection of a set of task selections corresponding to a respective task action of said pre-defined set of task actions performed by said at least one computer system with respect to one or more said data objects stored on said at least one computer system, wherein a first set of task selections of a first project

tracking interface for a first group of users is different from a second set of task selections of a second project tracking interface for a second group of users;

associating a first user with said first group of users;

presenting said first project tracking interface having said first set of task selections to said first user;

invoking task actions corresponding to task selections of said first set of task selections responsive to receiving interactive input from said first user selecting the corresponding task selections of said first set of task selections;

associating a second user with said second group of users;

presenting said second project tracking interface having said second set of task selections to said second user; and

invoking task actions corresponding to task selections of said second set of task selections responsive to receiving interactive input from said second user selecting the corresponding task selections of said second set of task selections.

9. (Currently Amended) The program product of claim 8, wherein each said ~~interactive input defining, for each of said plurality of groups of users, a respective~~ project tracking interface definition [,] comprises ~~input defining, for each task selection,~~ a respective task description, whereby a task selection for a first project tracking interface may have a first task description, and the same task selection for a second project tracking interface may have a second task description different from said first task description.

10. (Original) The program product of claim 8, wherein each task selection displayed in a project tracking interface includes a task status indicator.

11. (Original) The program product of claim 10, wherein said task status indicator is assumes one of a plurality of colors, each color corresponding to a respective status.

12. (Currently Amended) The program product of claim 8, wherein each said ~~step of receiving interactive input defining, for each of said plurality of groups of users, a respective~~ project tracking interface definition~~, comprises generating, for each of said plurality of groups of users, a respective~~ is an interface definition file~~, said interface definition files~~ containing entries corresponding to tasks, wherein a first interface definition file for defining said first project tracking interface contains a respective entry for each task selection in said first set of task selections, and a second interface definition file for defining said second project tracking interface contains a respective entry for each task selection in said second set of task selections.

13. (Original) The program product of claim 12, wherein each said entry in an interface definition file includes a respective task description field, whereby a task selection for said first project tracking interface may have a first task description, and the same task selection for said second project tracking interface may have a second task description different from said first task description.

14. (Original) The program product of claim 13, wherein each said entry in an interface definition file includes a respective scope field specifying the scope of the task selection, whereby a task selection for said first project tracking interface may have a first scope, and the same task selection for said second project tracking interface may have a second scope different from said first scope.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for managing a project requiring a plurality of tasks performed on at least one computer system by a plurality of users, said at least one computer system containing a process interface supporting a pre-defined set of task actions performed by said at least one computer system with respect to data objects stored on said at least one computer system, said computer program product comprising a plurality of processor executable instructions recorded on signal-bearing media, said instructions comprising:

an interface definition access function, said interface definition access function accessing a project tracking interface definition, said project tracking interface definition being one of a plurality of project tracking interface definitions, each said project tracking interface definition being associated with a respective group of users of said plurality of users, each project tracking interface definition ~~having~~ being a data object defining a respective set of task selections, each task selection of a set of task selections corresponding to a respective task action of said pre-defined set of task actions, wherein a first set of task selections of said first project tracking interface definition for a first group of users is different from a second set of task selections of a second project tracking interface definition for a second group of users; and

a project tracking interface generator, said generator generating a project tracking interface defined by a project tracking interface definition of said plurality of project tracking interface definitions, said project tracking interface defined by a project tracking interface definition presenting a user with the set of task selections of the project interface definition and allowing the user to invoke task actions corresponding to respective task selections presented to the user by interactively selecting the corresponding respective task selections.

16. (Original) The computer program product for managing a project of claim 15, further comprising:

an interactive interface definition function, said interactive interface definition function interactively receiving and storing a plurality of said project tracking interface definitions, each project tracking interface definition being associated with a respective group of users of said plurality of users.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein each said project tracking interface definition includes a chronological ordering relationship among task selections of its respective set of task selections and at least one indicator indicating a next expected task selection in said chronological ordering relationship among task selections.

18. (Currently Amended) The program product of claim 8, wherein each said project tracking interface definition includes a chronological ordering relationship among task selections of its respective set of task selections and at least one indicator indicating a next expected task selection in said chronological ordering relationship among task selections.